

Submitted herewith is a separate LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR
DRAWING CHANGES, submitting for approval changes to Figure 1A. Specifically, Figure
1A has been amended to delete the legend "PRIOR ART".

In the specification, typographical error has been corrected.

Examination on the merits of Claims 1-20 is believed to be in order, and an early and
favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 8-11, with the following text:

--The RDF 1 illustrated in FIG. 1A has a center core 11, a side core layer (or a [depressed] depressed layer) 12 formed around the same, and a cladding layer 13 formed around the side core layer 12.--

PATENT DRAWING